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SUBJ: CONSTITUTENT ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

1. SPECIAL COMMISSARIAT FOR ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 2 THAT FINAL TOTAL OF VOTERS REGISTERED IS 5,288,512 RPT 5,288,512. THIS REPRESENTS INCREASE OF 12.7 PERCENT OVER TOTAL 4,693,371 REGISTERED FOR PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS OF MAY 30, 1965 AND INCREASE OF 7.7PERCENT OVER FIGURE OF 4,937,923 REPORTED BY GENERAL THANG AFTER FIRST POSTING OF VOTERS' LISTS IN JULY.

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2. WHILE SAIGON AND MOST PROVINCES SHOW GAINS OF SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 10PERCENT OVER 1965, THERE ARE SOME SPECTACULAR INCREASES. AMONG THESE ARE DANANG, 38PERCENT QUANG TRI, 20PERCENT BINH DINH, 70PERCENT; PHU YEN, 30PERCENT VUNG TAU 74PERCENT BINH TUY, 81PERCENT; TAY HINH, 25PERCENT AN XUYEN, 51PERCENT; AND GO CONG 67PERCENT.

3. DROP OF 9PERCENT OCCURRED IN QUANG NGAI, PROBABLY REFLECTION OF SECURITY SITUATION. OTHER PROVINCE WITH FIGURES LOWER THAN IN 1965 AND BINH THUAN, NINH THUAN, PHU BON, BINH LONG, LONG AN AND KIEN GIANG. DECREASE IN FIRST

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FOUR OF THESE SIX MAY RESULT FROM LESSER EFFORT TO REGISTER CHAM AND MONTAGNARD VOTERS, SINCE DEPUTIES REPRESENTING MINORITIES WILL BE CHOSEN INDIRECTLY THROUGH ELECTOR SYSTEM (ALTHOUGH MINORITY POPULATIONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE DIRECTLY FOR VIETNAMESE CANDIDATES).
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